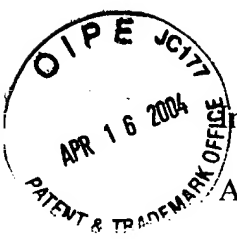


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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Office of Publication  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 after the Notice of Allowability mailed March 3, 2004. The subject application is allowed, and the base issue fee for this case is due on June 3, 2004. It is not believed that any petition fee is due in order to obtain entry of this Amendment After Allowance. Should any fee be deemed due, however, please charge to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Amendments to the Specification are based on the title as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 17, 2002, and are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are based on the claims as amended in the Amendment filed on December 8, 2003, and are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.